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SUBJ: SWAPO PLAN FOR NAMIBIA

REF: A) PRETORIA 2587 (PARA 5); (B) PRETORIA 2747

1. SWAPO RELEASED DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF NAMIBIA AUGUST 28. ACCORDING TO REPORT BY JOHANNESBURG STAR WINDHOEK CORRESPONDENT CLIVE COWLEY, DOCUMENT CONTAINING PROPOSALS "WAS SENT SECRETLY TO THE STAR FROM EUROPE BY ANONYMOUS COURIER". RELEASE APPARENTLY TIMED TO UP-STAGE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS WHICH BEGAN THREE DAYS LATER (REFTELS).

2. ACCORDING COWLEY'S REPORT, PROPOSALS COMMIT SWAPO TO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, ENTRENCHMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RULE OF LAW AND ERADICATION OF RACIALISM. NAMIBIA WOULD

BE REPUBLIC WITH EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT, ELECTED 100-MEMBER
PARLIAMENT, INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY AND IMPARTIAL CIVIL
SERVICE.

3. DOCUMENT STATES THAT RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD BE "DIPLOMATICALLY CORRECT" AND THAT SA ENCLAVE OF
WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF NAMIBIA. NEW
STATE WOULD DEVISE LEGAL SYSTEM TO REPLACE SA ROMAN DUTCH
LAW, AND AFRIKAANS WOULD BE DROPPED AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
IN FAVOR OF ENGLISH. NAMIBIA WOULD BE ACTIVE MEMBER OF
UN AND OAU AND WOULD "FAVORABLY CONSIDER" MEMBERSHIP IN
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

4. PROPOSALS INCLUDE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTION
OF MINORITIES, WHILE REJECTING ETHNIC REGIONALISM AND PROPOR-
TIONAL REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT. COMPREHENSIVE BILL OF
RIGHTS ALSO ENVISAGED WHICH WOULD BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATION AT REQUEST OF ANY CITIZEN.

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5. SWAPO CONTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS APPEAR VERY MODERATE,
WITH STRONG PROTECTION FOR MINORITY RIGHTS. PRESS REPORTS
ON DETAILS ARE RATHER SKETCHY, HOWEVER, AND EMBASSY IS
ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPY OF ACTUAL DOCUMENT. SUGGEST
LONDON AND LUSAKA ALSO CHECK THEIR SWAPO CONTACTS.

6. IT APPEARS POSSIBLE COWLEY RECEIVED DOCUMENT FROM
CEDRIC THORNBERRY (PARA 4 REFTEL A), WHO WAS REFUSED
SA ENTRY AT JAN SMUTS SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE COWLEY RELEASED
STORY. THORNBERRY WAS ALLOWED OUT OF AIRPORT AREA BEFORE
LEAVING FOLLOWING DAY, AND PRESS REPORTS OF ENTRY DENIAL WERE
DATELINED WINDHOEK. END LOU.
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